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BUSINESS LEAGUE BOOSTERS
NUMBER THREE.

By Alton L. Holsey.

If this particular little article was not already named "Booster Number Three," I would call it "A Conference I would like to see." You know this thing of getting together in "the air." Talk with men and women of the race and all of them are agreed that what we need is for the race to get together. Race unity, race loyalty and all the other terms applied mean simply that there should be more pulling together among us for permanent progress along all lines, and I noticed last week half a dozen or more of our leading papers were pulling hard as usual for us to pull together.

Now, we return to that Conference that I would like to see. It is this: In each city or town of any size, let there be an occasional conference between housewives of our race and the Negro merchants. There is every reason, it seems to me, to commend and encourage such local conferences. In the first place, women purchase 85 per cent of the merchandise consumed in homes, which means that colored women have control over a "mighty big" purse; a purse that jingles a billion dollars a year.

These good women have said in the past some of our merchants charge higher prices, fail to give good service, to carry a diversified stock, to keep their stores attractive, etc.

We know that many of our business men are modern in every particular and cannot be classed with slipshod merchants, but the fact remains that if more of that billion dollars was spent with Negro business men, many more Negro boys and girls would be provided with suitable employment and wholesome surroundings. So we say that now since the Government is helping to regulate prices it places our merchants on the same routine with other merchants, at least in one more particular, and there is every reason why such local conferences would serve to get our women better acquainted with them. Whoever calls a conference in your city will begin a movement of far-reaching possibilities. All of which remind me that the progressive Local Negro Business League at Savannah, Georgia, has decided to have a Ladies' Auxiliary. That Local League is a model in many respects.

(To be continued next week.)

PEARL HIGH SCHOOL NOTES.

The auditorium of the high school was crowded to its full capacity last Friday night by patrons and friends of this popular city institution, who came to witness the drama, "The Trouble at Satterlee's." The public had waited patiently for the presentation of this entertaining comedy by Louise L. Wilson, and the execution of it by the high school girls was well nigh perfect. Miss Ella Ramsey played the leading role, in which she showed unusual dramatic talent. The Boys and Girls' Glee Club entertained the audience with some special numbers. Miss Hitt Moore and Mrs. H. J. Johnson, former pupils of the high school, assisted in making the musical part of the program a decided success by the rendition of well-selected soprano solos.

Enrollment at School Increased.

Few citizens realize that in the

Pearl High and Grammar Schools of this city, Nashville can boast of the largest and best public school in the South. It has a faculty of twenty-eight teachers and one thousand pupils. The members of the high school faculty are all college graduates, some of them holding two and three degrees, obtained by hard study from either local or distant institutions. The academic course of study has been lengthened to four years, requiring fifteen Carnegie units for graduation. The Pearl High School with the shadow of a doubt has the best vocational equipment of any Negro school south of the Ohio river. This speaks well for the city and shows the attitude of its white citizens toward Negro education. One thing lacking is a Commercial Course, where Negro boys and girls can have the opportunity to learn Shorthand and Typewriting and a suitable laboratory for the performance of scientific experiments.

Meeting of Middle Tennessee Teachers' Association Postponed.
Notice is hereby given that the meeting of the Middle Tennessee Teachers' Association, which was scheduled to be held in this building March 28th, 29th and 30th, has been postponed. For good and urgent reasons, which have appeared in the daily press, the white teachers have postponed the meeting of their association. No holidays therefore will be given by the different Boards of Education in Middle Tennessee for attendance upon this convention. There was nothing left for the colored teachers to do but to declare the postponement of their meeting.

Concert by High School Alumni.
The public will be interested to know that the date of the High School Alumni concert has been fixed for Friday night, March 15th, in the auditorium of the school. Mr. A. G. Price, of the class of 1901, who was full control of the arrangements for the concert, has met with the hearty co-operation of the graduates of the school. He has prepared a very select program and one which should draw a record-breaking crowd. His experience and success in such matters are well known to the Nashville public. All graduates are requested to meet in the auditorium of the building on the afternoon of Sunday, March 3rd, at 4 p. m. Candidates for graduation in the class of 1918 are invited to meet with them.

Visitors at Pearl High.
The school was favored the past week with the presence of the following visitors: Mr. Chas. Stewart, of Chicago; Rev. Mr. R. Dixon, of Greenville, Miss.; Mr. Lee Kinzer, of the People's Savings Bank and Trust Co., and Hon. James Rumpass, lawyer, of this city.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE COLORED TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION POSTPONED.

Owing to present conditions arising from the war and the uncertainty of general affairs, the annual spring meeting of the Middle Tennessee Colored Teachers' Association has been postponed. The Executive Committee wishes to thank all who have in any way been helping to make the intended meeting a success. All persons who have been selected for our program will be held in reserve, subject to draft at the call of the Association. T. A. FRIERSON, Chairman. H. J. JOHNSON, Secretary.

FOOD CONSERVATION.

That the world may be free from the rule of the German Government the almost sainted French women are doing a greater part of the agricultural work of France while the men are in the trenches. The French women do not complain, except that they are not able to do more.

Try raising vegetables in the flower beds, flower pots and boxes. You will be surprised to know just

how many vegetables can be raised in this way. Let the children have a trial and see what they will do.

It is much better to raise food of your own free will than to be compelled to raise it for others—the Germans, for instance.

That food may win the war, it is necessary that you have a war garden, so as to produce food. If you have no ground, then rent a vacant lot. The amount of food which can be raised on a small lot, if carefully worked, will surprise you. A few seeds, a little work with the hoe, will give you many a fine meal.

Many of the school girls who are taking courses in cooking or domestic science have shown their parents the value of the different foods for the human body.

In selecting your seeds do not forget to plan for the winter as well as for the summer. Try planting a few seeds now and then, so as to get a continuous crop.

Most people eat too much, even when the price is high, and it is from this eating too much, or "stuf-fing," that the doctor and the druggist make their money.

Try making pies without a top crust.

The able-bodied man or boy who is not doing something to win this war is a slacker. Take your hoe and help win this war that we all may not be governed by Germany.

Save the bottles, to be filled with fruit syrups left after the canning. Peach and apple syrups are fine.

At a recent conference of religious and educational workers held in Birmingham, Alabama, resolutions were passed, pledging support to the call of patriotism, and heartily sanctioning the policy of the Government in encouraging thrift and industry among the people, discouraging every form of wastefulness and need-less indulgence.

Here is a one-dish dinner which has in it the five kinds of food which a meal should contain. This is enough for a meal for a family of five. Eat with this dinner, bread, and for dessert have fruit or bread and jam.

Dried Peas with Rice and Tomatoes.
1-2 cups rice, 2 cups dried peas, 6 onions, 1 tablespoon salt, 1-2 teaspoon pepper, 2 cups tomato (fresh or canned). Soak peas over night in two quarts of water. Cook until tender in water in which they soaked. Add rice, onions, tomato and seasonings and cook twenty minutes.

Choose your food wisely. Study these five groups:

1. Vegetables and fruits.
 2. Milk, eggs, fish, meat, cheese, beans, peas, peanuts.
 3. Cereals, corn meal, oatmeal, rice, bread, etc.
 4. Sugar, syrups, jelly, honey, etc.
 5. Fats—butter, margarine, cotton-seed oil, olive oil, drippings, suet.
- You need some food from each group every day. DON'T SKIP ANY. Don't think that wheat bread is the only kind of cereal food. The Government asks us to save wheat to send abroad to our soldiers and the Allies. Let the North try the Southern Corn bread, and the South the oatmeal of the North. Half the fun of cooking is in trying new things. An oatmeal pudding is delicious.

Here is a delicious corn meal and milk dessert.

Indian Pudding.
4 cups milk (whole or skim); 3-4 cup corn meal, 1-2 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon ginger, 1-2 cup molasses.

Corn helps us feed the world. Ours is the splendid burden of feeding the world. The more corn we use, the more food can be sent abroad. There are at least fifty ways to use corn meal to make good dishes for dinner, supper and breakfast.

Here are some more corn suggestions:
Hot Breads: Boston brown bread, Hoecake, Muffins, Biscuits, Griddle Cakes, Waffles.
Desserts: Corn meal molasses cake, Apple corn bread, Dumplings, Ginger bread, Fruit gems.
Hearty Dishes: Corn meal croquettes, Corn meal fish balls, Meat and corn meal dumplings, Italian polenta, Tamales.

You can tell an American by what he eats. All Americans follow the regulations of the United States Food Administration.

THE NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK TO BE OBSERVED

APRIL 21ST TO 27TH.

Tuskegee Institute, Ala., Mar. 2.—Doctor Robert R. Moton, Principal of the Tuskegee Institute and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Negro Business League, announced today that NATIONAL NEGRO HEALTH WEEK would be observed April 21st to 27th. He has received telegrams from Mr. Emmett J. Scott, Secretary of the National Negro Business League, and from Mr. J. C. Napier, President, in which they give their unqualified assurance that they will help in every way possible to make the campaign a success.

Dr. Moton has also received a communication from Mr. Allen W. Clark, Chairman of the National Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign, St. Louis, Mo., in which he states that the three silver cups were given last year for the most efficient clean-up work will be offered again this year. It may be recalled that last year, the three silver cups were awarded to Atlanta, Georgia, Salisbury, North Carolina, and New Madrid, Missouri, and were presented to representatives from these states at Chattanooga, Tennessee, during the annual meeting of the League. It is hoped that members of the race will again welcome the opportunity to unite their efforts in one great and National Health Movement, and thus gain the benefit of the momentum and enthusiasm that will come from another effort of this character.

As the late Dr. Booker T. Washington said in the 1915 call, "Without health, and until we reduce the high death-rate, it will be impossible for us to have permanent success in business, in property getting, in acquiring education, or to show other evidences of progress. Without health and long life we also fail. We must reduce our high death-rate, dethrone disease and enthron-

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health and long life. We may differ on other subjects, but there is no room for difference here. Let us make a strong, long, united pull together.

It is urged that communities planning to hold Health Week Campaigns will notify the Secretary of the League and also write to Mr. Allen W. Clark, Chairman of the National Clean-up and Paint-up Campaign Bureau, Security Building, St. Louis, Mo. He will be glad to send such printed matter as is issued by his Bureau. A little later, a pamphlet entitled, "The Conservation of Negro Health," will be issued from the Tuskegee Institute.

J. C. Napier, President, National Negro Business League, Nashville, Tenn.

R. R. Moton, Chairman, Executive Committee, National Negro Business League, Tuskegee Institute, Ala.

Emmett J. Scott, Secretary, National Negro Business League, Tuskegee Institute, Alabama.

OBITUARY OF DR. H. T. KEALING, A. M.

By Shelton French, Vice President of Western University.

Hightower T. Kealing, A. M., D. D., LL. D., was born in Austin, Texas, April 1, 1859, and departed this life Feb. 25, 1918, aged 58 years, 10 months, 24 days.

While a youth of fourteen years he was circuit rider with Presiding Elder Haywood, whose district consisted the whole state of Texas. He was secretary and recorded the minutes of all the quarterly conferences.

After completing the work of the public schools of his native city, he graduated from Straight University at New Orleans, La., and still having an insatiable desire for more knowledge went to Tabor College, Tabor, Iowa, where he finished his collegiate course with great credit. He was ever especially a student of philosophy, science, languages, sociology and the Holy Bible. Thus he had thoroughly prepared himself for a great career.

Though born a slave, his life achievements prove that a Negro can conquer Greek, Latin, master higher mathematics, and win a man among men.

His first work after leaving college was to establish Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas, and then he became vice president of the State Normal School at Prairie View, Texas. From there he became supervising principal of the colored schools of Austin, Texas, and later established and became principal of the Negro High School of the same city. Later he became president of Paul Quinn College at Waco, Texas.

In 1896 the General Conference in session at Wilmington, N. C., elected him editor of the A. M. E. Church Review, which position he filled with credit to himself, the church and the race, most splendidly and acceptably. Here is where he so brilliantly displayed ripe scholarship, a profundity of information that can only be secured by wide and careful reading, a keen analytical mind of philosophical poise, and a complete mastery of forensic expression.

In 1901 he was a delegate to the Ecumenical Conference in London, England. He participated in the deliberations of this meeting and had an important part in all of its constructive policies.

While abroad he visited throughout England, France and Switzerland. On October 1, 1910, at the call of Governor Stubbs of Kansas and on the recommendation of Booker T. Washington, Gishop A. Grant and Dr. J. R. Ransom, he resigned the editorship of the Review to become president of Western University.

November 1, 1910, he was inducted into this new position in the middle west. He will be succeeded in this position by the status of the school, the character and efficiency of its graduates and this multitude of faithful, admiring, mourning friends.

In 1911, he became a member of the Jeanes Fund Board, taking the place of the lamented Bishop Grant. Dr. Kealing was distinctively an educator and a lover of aspiring youth. His life was characterized by simplicity, efficiency and quality. He placed character above achievement, and honesty of purpose above attainment. He was not a radical, but a practical reformer. As a thinker and publicist, he ranks not only among the foremost of his race, but among the ablest of his day. With ease he could hold and sway his audiences. His wit was sly, ever quick at repartee, enjoyed a good story, and was most successful in telling a good story, telling it well and driving it home to its logical and moral conclusion.

His last public utterance was delivered from this sacred rostrum, in a stirring posture to a magnificent audience on the afternoon of January 4, 1918, from the subject, "A Man Without Eyelids." It proved to be his "Swan Song." In closing that matchless address he told this apt, inimitable story of a little boot-black who was over-awed by the brilliant, gaudy attire of the Negro dandy whose shoos he had just shined. The little gamin said, "Excuse me, Boss, but I want to ask you a question. Is you anybody in particular?" And then, Dr. Kealing rising from his chair to his full stature made his last stirring public appeal of his life to his people, for them always to try to be "Somebody in particular." In a peroration that was as dramatic as it was inspiring and impressive, he told how easy and how important it is for everybody to be "Somebody in particular," by being intelligent, industrious, frugal, patriotic, Christian citizens. Peace be to his ashes. He leaves a faithful, loving, devoted wife and five children, Goldie, Frances, Carolyn, Cecelia and Hightower J. Jr., and an innumerable host of admiring friends to mourn his departure.

His life is carved in imperishable granite, and indelibly written on the hearts of men. Though gone, he will never be forgotten. And children, yet to be born, will rise to call him blessed. Truly was he a great college president whose life is an inspirational monument to the youth who came under his tutelage, and to all

who were so fortunate as to be intimately associated with him.

"There is no death! An angel form Walks o'er the earth with silent tread; He bears our best loved ones away; And then we call them 'dead.'"

"He leaves our hearts all desolate, He plucks our fairest, sweetest flowers; Transplanted into bliss, they now Adorn immortal bowers."

"The bird-like voice whose joyous tones Made glad these scenes of sin and strife; Sings now an everlasting song Around the tree of life."

And ever near us, though unseen The dear immortal spirits tread; For all the boundless universe Is life—there are no dead."

DOINGS OF DAMON LODGE NO. 2

K. P., N. A., S. A., E., A., A. & A.

The past month was the beginning of a new era with our lodge. A. P. No. 2. A. W. Pitts, J. B. Batte, A. M. Cockrell, M. V. Buford and Bob Gee, the live wires of the lodge, put on foot a get-together meeting in which most of the members were present. After the lodge had dispatched its regular work, Chancellor Batte informed the lodge that Grand Chancellor J. P. Crawford wished to admit a visitor in the person of Prof. Haynes of Fisk University. The Professor was introduced to the members by Dr. J. P. Crawford. The Professor's address was highly appreciated and he was invited to call again. After the visitor left the order resumed its work, which was followed by refreshments. C. C. Batte, master of ceremonies, introduced Grand Trustee T. Clay Moore, whose remarks were instructive, pleasing and inspiring. Deputy Porter gave the lodge a short, spicy talk, also District Deputy Pitts and the Grand Chancellor. Not only lodge work was discussed, but all present were urged to do their bit to aid and support our government in this particular crisis through which our country and others are passing and struggling to readjust the religious, moral and political standards.

On the last meeting of the month Dr. C. O. Hunter, G. R. & S., with Dr. J. P. Crawford, talked Pythianism, its duty to its members, widows and orphans was freely discussed. All are working for and hoping this will be the banner year of this lodge. The collection for the month was more than \$200. C. C. Batte and his able corps of officers are all smiling. Publicity Committee: Dr. Wm. Sevier, Frank Mills, A. M. Cockrell.

URGES AID FOR NEGROES.

Archdeacon Baskerville. Seeks Funds Here to Promote Education.

(New York Times.)

An appeal for funds for the education of the Negro population in the South was made from the pulpit of the Church of Ascension yesterday by the Rev. E. A. Baskerville, D. D., a Negro preacher and archdeacon for work among Negroes in the Episcopal diocese of South Carolina. In introducing the preacher, the Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the church, called the attention of the congregation to the fact that Dr. Baskerville was for years a soldier in the United States Army.

Dr. Baskerville said \$35,000 was needed at once to promote educational work among the illiterate Negroes of the South. "There are many places in South Carolina," he said, "where there is not a school for hundreds of miles, and in order to instruct the children the church endeavors to put up some kind of building for that purpose. I believe the Negroes in the South are its greatest asset."

"I am opposed to wholesale migration from the South. I think we should keep our people there by educating them. You can help us do that, for you have the money right here in New York. More than 2,000 children are reached through the mission schools."

Dr. Grant in his sermon replied to a recent article in a monthly magazine in which it was contended that the war had as yet failed to produce a stirring preacher who could interpret to the multitude in an inspiring manner the vital issues of the war. Dr. Grant asserted that the preacher was merely a part of the church, and that he worked of the church in the war manifested itself not in "the denunciatory powers" of its clergy, but in the activities of the congregation itself in the Red Cross work, the Y. M. C. A. work and in the readiness on the part of the men and women of the congregation to throw all their energies and devotion into the task of winning the war.

REAL GRIT KEEPS NEGRO AT FRONT.

American Pugilist in French Army Has Finger "Chopped" Off So He Can Rejoin Legion.

Paris, Feb. 25.—After having been taken out of the trenches because of his stiff index finger, and fearing that he would be invalided out of the war entirely, "Bob" Scanlon, the American Negro prize fighter, who has been in the French Foreign Legion for nearly three years, recently went to London and ordered the surgeon of a military hospital there to "chop" his finger off.

The surgeon demurred. "Chop it off," demanded Scanlon. Then, seeing the doubtful look in the surgeon's eyes, Scanlon added quickly:

"Oh, I'm no slacker. I don't want that finger off so I can't pull a trigger again. My middle finger's still good and they won't have me around with my fore-finger stiff. I can convince them I've used my middle finger from childhood and then they'll let me go back to the boys in the Legion."

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as a young doctor picked her up and carried her off.

Scanlon arrived in Paris last week and is now back with the One Hundred and Seventieth Regiment. His finger has completely healed. He writes that he now has a machine gun of his own and that all is "hunky-dory." Scanlon doesn't care whether he is transferred to the American force or not. He writes: "I want to be where there's something doing. What things start up on the American front I want to come over, but things ain't as lively there now as they are here." Scanlon has taken part in a number of amateur bouts at the front and also has been "developing" several promising young French lightweights in the ranks. The American Legionnaire has been three times wounded—New York Times.

ANNIVERSARY.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 28, 1918. Beautiful in every detail was the second year's wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Scruggs Friday evening, in the palatial home of their sister, Mrs. C. A. Trent, 619 W. 34th Street, Cincinnati, Ohio.

The house decorations were artistically arranged by a prominent decorator, in the person of Mrs. Cecelia Turner. Color scheme was red, white and blue with similar flowers and ferns.

Master of ceremonies was Professor Andrew Quarles, leading organist of Cincinnati, organist and chorister of Allen Temple choir. This choir of which Mrs. Scruggs is a member was out in a body. An excellent program was rendered, consisting of choruses, solos and readings.

Valuable presents were received, especially the one from the choir. Covers were laid for twenty-five. Those present to enjoy the hospitality of this happy couple were, Mesdames Ewing, Stephens, Clemmons, Neal, Adams, Jackson, Bailey, Toles, Bell, Slade, Anderson, and children. Misses Eddie Shepard and Turner. Messrs. Hayes, Calliman, Slade, Trent, Scruggs, Quarles, Bell.

HALE HOSPITAL NOTES.

Mrs. Laura Wilkinson has been able to return to her home in Pulaski, Tenn. Mrs. Wilkinson was the patient of Dr. J. C. Grant. Mr. Robt. Dowell, has fully recuperated. Mrs. Pruitt Caruthers, 704 6th Ave., S., has returned home. Mrs. Ivy Farley, Providence, Ky., and her young son, Ernest Jr., will be able to return home in a few days. Mrs. Sallie Bolden, Providence, Ky., writes us that she is fast regaining strength. Mrs. Lucy McClain, Russellville, Ky., and Mrs. Harriet Harris Franklin, Ky., were able to go home Saturday. They were accompanied home by Miss

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